

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated December 3, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-3 include allowable subject matter.

The Applicants have amended the specification and added new claim 4 as noted above. In particular, the Applicants have amended the specification to include the language “via a rectifying diode D1.” The Applicants submit that support may be found in Figure 3 of the originally filed application. In addition, the Applicants have added new claim 4 which recites, among other features, a rectifying diode.

During a phone conversation between the Examiner and the Applicants’ representatives on January 5, 2005, the Applicants’ representatives proposed the above amendment to the specification. The Examiner kindly agreed to make a determination whether or not the specification amendment will be entered in light of the current status of the application. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter both the specification amendment and new claim 4 and allow the pending application.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 if she has any further questions. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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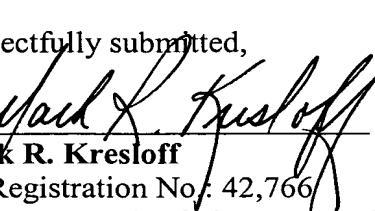
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